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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF AGENCY FOR DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT
PRESIDENT SHIM

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1. ADD PRESIDENT SHIM, ACCOMPANIED BY A PARTY OF SIX (INCLUDING MR. KIM, AN ASSISTANT TO O WON CHOL OF THE BLUE HOUSE AND BRIG GEN KIM, HEAD SECOND BUREAU OF DEFENSE INDUSTRY, MND) AND MAJ GEN GRIFFITH, CJUSMAG-K HAD AN INITIAL MEETING WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING, DR. PERRY, ON TUESDAY, 16 MAY. THE CURRENT STATUS OF US-ROK DEFENSE R&D/PRODUCTION COOPERATION WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL AS THE VISIT SCHEDULE. A FURTHER TWO-
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HOUR SUMMARY MEETING WAS HELD FRIDAY, 19 MAY, JUST PRIOR TO DR. SHIM'S DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON FOR FIELD VISITS TO US R&D INSTALLATIONS. DURING THE WEEK THE SHIM PARTY ALSO MET WITH: DEPSECDEF, ISA/ABRAMOWITZ, DSAA/LTGEN GRAVES, AND KEY SERVICE R&D OFFICIALS; HE VISITED WITH THE COMMANDER U. S. ARMY MATERIEL DEVELOPMENT AND READINESS COMMAND, GEN GUTHRIE, AND SEVERAL LOCAL ARMY R&D INSTALLATIONS.

2. AT THE SUMMARY MEETING ON MAY 19, THE ROK PARTY SEEMED GENERALLY PLEASED WITH THE US RESPONSE, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS INDICATION THAT DR. SHIM WAS DISAPPOINTED AT THE INITIAL MEETING. HE MAY HAVE ARRIVED EXPECTING IMMEDIATE APPROVAL OF A LARGE PART OF HIS "PROPOSAL", BUT BY THE TIME OF HIS DEPARTURE HE SEEMED TO REALIZE THAT SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM REQUIRES INTENSIVE REVIEW HERE. SHIM'S ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF AN UMBRELLA MOA WAS NOT DISCUSSED. WE BELIEVE THAT THE KOREANS NOW HAVE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE COMPLEXITY AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AS WELL AS OF THE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE SINCE DR. PERRY'S VISIT IN FEBRUARY. DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM DISCUSSED WITH SHIM, RESULTING FROM WASHINGTON INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS, WERE TRANSMITTED IN THE REFERENCE MSG. CHRISTOPHER

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